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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: ETRD, EAID, ASEAN, JA, US
SUBJECT: JAPANESE/ASEAN LOME-TYPE ARRANGEMENTS

REF: A) STATE 171459 B) STATE 165551 C) STATE 163288

1. E/C COUNSELOR CALLED ON MFA REGIONAL AND ECONOMIC DIVISION
DIRECTOR LEE CHIONG GIAM 6/27 TO MAKE POINTS REFTELS.
ACCORDING TO LEE, MAIN THRUST OF ASEAN REQUESTS TO JAPANESE
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WILL BE EXPANSION AND DEEPENING OF JAPANESE GSP TO INCLUDE
MORE PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO ASEAN, REDUCTION OF NON-TARIFF
BARRIERS AGAIN TOWARD PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO ASEAN AND
SOME TYPE OF STABILIZATION OF ASEAN EXPORT EARNINGS.

2. LEE CONCEDED POINT THAT ASEAN PREFERENCES COULD
BE SELF-DEFEATING IF OTHER REGIONAL BLOCS SOUGHT AND

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RECEIVED SIMILAR PREFERENCES FROM EEC OR US (PARA 2, REF C), AND SAID A FORMULATION WOULD HAVE TO BE DEVISED THAT REDUCED THE CHANGES OF SUCH A REACTION FROM OTHER LDC GROUPS.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: IF LEE IS CORRECT IN HIS LIST OF WHAT ASEAN INTENDS TO ASK FOR, IT WOULD APPEAR THE ONLY US PROBLEM IS WITH THE STABILIZATION SCHEME. LEE STRESSED THAT THE GSP ADDITIONS ASEAN WANTED WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALL LDC'S--ONLY THE SELECTION OF PRODUCTS ON THE LIST WOULD FAVOR ASEAN INTERESTS. REDUCTION OF NTB'S, IN THE PROPOSED ASEAN SCHEME, WOULD INVOLVE, INTER ALIA, JAPANESE ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL MARKETS, PROVISION OF EXPERTISE TO FORMULATE MARKETING STRATEGIES AND AGREEMENT BY JAPANESE TRADING COMPANIES TO BUT IN SMALLER LOTS WHICH ASEAN NATIONS COULD PROVIDE. NEITHER OF THE ABOVE STRATEGIES CAN TECHNICALLY BE SAID TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST NON-ASEAN LDC'S.
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